

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

In the Claims

1. (Withdrawn) A colored seed comprising;
a seed;
a binder;
a coating surrounding said seed;
and a dye and/or pigment within and/or on said coating.
2. (Withdrawn) A colored seed comprising;
a seed;
a dye and/or pigment coated within and/or on said seed;
said dye being capable of changing colors based on the acidity of soil.
3. (Withdrawn) A colored seed comprising;
a seed;
a dye and/or pigment coated within and/or on said seed;
said dye being capable of changing colors in response to the moisture content added to the soil.
4. (Withdrawn) A colored seed comprising;
a seed;
a dye and/or pigment coated within and/or on said seed;
said dye being capable of changing colors depending on the chemical content of the soil.

5. (Withdrawn) A colored seed comprising;
a seed;
a dye and/or pigment coated within and/or on said seed;
said dye being capable of deterring animals from eating said seed.
6. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said dye is selected from a group consisting of acid, basic and/or direct dye concentrates.
7. (Cancelled) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said dye is florescent.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said dye comprises glycerin and/or water and a colorant.
10. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein the coating comprises a solid material.
11. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 10 wherein said solid material is pre-dyed.
12. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said colored seed can be seen during application of said seed.
13. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said colored seed can be located after application of said seed.
14. (Cancelled) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said seed is of the similar or same color of the actual plant, flower, fruit or vegetable.
15. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said seed has a color which assists the seed in absorbing heat.

16. (Cancelled) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said seed has a color which assists the seed in reflecting sunlight.
17. (Withdrawn) A fragranced seed comprising;
a seed; and
a fragrance.
18. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance assists a user in determining the acidity of soil.
19. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance assists a user in determining moisture content of soil.
20. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance assist as a user in determining chemical content of soil.
21. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance deters animals from eating said seeds.
22. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance is selected from a group consisting of a floral fragrance, a natural fragrance or cocoa.
23. (Cancelled)
24. (Cancelled) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance provides a scent which can take on a scent similar to a scent of a product applied.
25. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance assists a user in locating said seed after application of said seed.
26. (Cancelled)
27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Withdrawn) A colored mulch product consisting essentially of:

a material comprising a fiber cellulose, clay, loam, sand, and/or

a combination of same;

a binding agent; and

and a black or dark dye and pigments which heats soil where said mulch is placed when said mulch is exposed to sun light.

37. (Withdrawn) A colored mulch product consisting essentially of:

a material comprising a fiber cellulose, clay, loam, sand, and/or

a combination of same;

a binding agent; and

a white or light dye and/or pigment which covers the entire mulch product, reflects sunlight, and reduces heating of soil where said mulch is placed.

38. (Cancelled)

39. (Withdrawn) A fragranced mulch product comprising:
a mulch product; and
a separate fragrance distinct from any fragrance from said mulch product;
said fragrance changing or appearing to indicate to a user environmental conditions of
soil where said mulch is placed.
40. (Withdrawn) The fragranced mulch of claim 39 wherein said fragrance indicates to
a user the acidity of said soil.
41. (Withdrawn) The fragranced mulch of claim 39 wherein said fragrance indicates to
a user the moisture content of said soil.
42. (Withdrawn) The fragranced mulch of claim 39 wherein said fragrance indicates to
a user the chemical content of said soil.
43. (Cancelled)
44. (Cancelled)
45. (Withdrawn) The fragranced mulch of claim 39 wherein said fragrance provides a
scent similar to a flower of a seed planted with said mulch.
46. (Withdrawn) A process for coloring seeds comprising:
coating said seed with a slurry, paste, or solid coating
adding a binding agent;
adding a dye to said coating either prior to said coating being added to said
seed, during said coating or after said coating is added to said seed.
47. (Cancelled)

48. (Withdrawn) A colored seed product comprising:
- a seed;
 - a binder;
 - a coating; and
 - a dye and/or pigment within and/or on said coating;
- said colored seed product produced by an agglomeration operation.
49. (Withdrawn) A colored seed product wherein said color changes in response to a lack of fertilizer.
50. (Cancelled)
51. (Withdrawn) A method for identifying a seed planted under a mulch comprising:
- homogeneously blending a colorant of same color as flower of said seed before or after an agglomeration step with a mulch;
 - placing said colored mulch over said seed.
52. (Cancelled)
53. (Withdrawn) A method for adjusting the chemical content on soil comprising:
- placing a fragranced mulch on top of soil;
 - changing fragrance of said mulch based on condition of said soil;
 - adding chemicals to said soil based on said fragrance of said mulch.
54. (Cancelled)
55. (Cancelled)
56. (New) A method of determining moisture content of soil and/or seed comprising:
- placing mulch product on soil;

said soil containing seed(s);

determining moisture content of said soil and/or seed by color intensity of said mulch product;

changing color intensity of said mulch product when moisture is removed from said mulch product;

changing color intensity of said mulch product when moisture is added to said mulch product;

adjusting moisture level of said soil and/or seed in response to said color intensity of said mulch product;

said seed consisting essentially of grass, vegetable and/or flower seed;

said color coming from a pigment and/or dye in said mulch product;

said mulch product comprising a fiber, cellulose, clay, loam, sand, and/or a combination of same;

said moisture content of said mulch has a relationship to said moisture content of said soil and/or seed.

57. (New) The method of Claim 56 wherein said pigment and/or dye is added to said mulch product.

58. (New) The method of claim 56 wherein said mulch product further comprises NPK fortifiers.

59. (New) The mulch product of claim 56 wherein said dye comprises glycerin or water and a colorant.

60. (New) The method of Claim 56 further comprising:

producing said mulch product by an agglomeration/granulation operation.

61. (New) The method of Claim 56 wherein said dye changes color and/or becomes visible in response to moisture levels added to said soil.

62. (New) The method of Claim 56 wherein said color fades and/or disappears in response to a lack of moisture in said mulch product.

63. (New) A method of determining moisture content of soil and/or seed comprising:

placing mulch and seed together on soil;

determining moisture content of said soil and/or seed by color intensity of said mulch product;

changing color intensity of said mulch product when moisture is removed from said mulch product;

changing color intensity of said mulch product when moisture is added to said mulch product;

adjusting moisture level of said soil and/or seed in response to said color intensity of said mulch product;

said seed consisting essentially of grass, vegetable and/or flower seed;

said color coming from a pigment and/or dye in said mulch product;

said mulch product comprising a fiber, cellulose, clay, loam, sand, and/or a combination of same;

said moisture content of said mulch has a relationship to said moisture content of said soil and/or seed.

64. (New) The method of Claim 63 wherein said pigment and/or dye is added to said mulch product.
65. (New) The method of claim 63 wherein said mulch product further comprises NPK fortifiers.
66. (New) The mulch product of claim 63 wherein said dye comprises glycerin or water and a colorant.
67. (New) The method of Claim 63 further comprising:
producing said mulch product by an agglomeration/granulation operation.
68. (New) The method of Claim 63 wherein said dye changes color and/or becomes visible in response to moisture levels added to said soil.
69. (New) The method of Claim 63 wherein said color fades and/or disappears in response to a lack of moisture in said mulch product.
70. (New) A method of determining moisture content of soil and/or seed comprising:
placing mulch product on soil;
said soil containing seed(s) and/or plant(s);
determining moisture content of said soil and/or seed by color of said mulch product;
changing color of said mulch product when moisture is removed from said mulch product;
changing color of said mulch product when moisture is added to said mulch product;
adjusting moisture level of said soil and/or seed in response to said color of said mulch product;

said seed consisting essentially of grass, vegetable and/or flower seed;

said color coming from a pigment and/or dye in said mulch product;

said mulch product comprising a fiber, cellulose, clay, loam, sand, and/or a combination same;

said moisture content of said mulch has a relationship to said moisture content of said soil and/or seed.